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1. The designated Office is hereby notified of its election made:

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21 February 2000 (21.02.00)

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NOTICE INFORMING THE APPLICANT OF THE
COMMUNICATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL
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(PCT Rule 47.1(c), first sentence)

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Applicant LEEDS TECHNOLOGIES LIMITED et al		

1. Notice is hereby given that the International Bureau has communicated, as provided in Article 20, the international application to the following designated Offices on the date indicated above as the date of mailing of this Notice:
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In accordance with Rule 47.1(c), third sentence, those Offices will accept the present Notice as conclusive evidence that the communication of the international application has duly taken place on the date of mailing indicated above and no copy of the international application is required to be furnished by the applicant to the designated Office(s).

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3. Enclosed with this Notice is a copy of the international application as published by the International Bureau on
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REMINDER REGARDING CHAPTER II (Article 31(2)(a) and Rule 54.2)

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

Applicant's or agent's file reference P270WO	FOR FURTHER ACTION See Notification of Transmittal of International Preliminary Examination Report (Form PCT/IPEA/416)	
International application No. PCT/GB99/02300	International filing date (day/month/year) 16/07/1999	Priority date (day/month/year) 24/07/1998
International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC H04N17/00		
Applicant LEEDS TECHNOLOGIES LIMITED et al.		

1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.


2. This REPORT consists of a total of 6 sheets, including this cover sheet.

- ☐ This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e. sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

These annexes consist of a total of sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I ☒ Basis of the report
- II ☐ Priority
- III ☐ Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV ☐ Lack of unity of invention
- V ☒ Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI ☐ Certain documents cited
- VII ☒ Certain defects in the international application
- VIII ☒ Certain observations on the international application

Date of submission of the demand 21/02/2000	Date of completion of this report 11.09.2000
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EXAMINATION REPORT**

International application No. PCT/GB99/02300

I. Basis of the report

1. This report has been drawn on the basis of (*substitute sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to the report since they do not contain amendments.*):

Description, pages:

1-26 as originally filed

Claims, No.:

1-18 as originally filed

Drawings, sheets:

1/4-4/4 as originally filed

2. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages:
☐ the claims, Nos.:
☐ the drawings, sheets:

3. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed (Rule 70.2(c)):

4. Additional observations, if necessary:

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes:	Claims	1-18
	No:	Claims	
Inventive step (IS)	Yes:	Claims	1-18
	No:	Claims	
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes:	Claims	1-18
	No:	Claims	

2. Citations and explanations

see separate sheet

VII. Certain defects in the international application

The following defects in the form or contents of the international application have been noted:

see separate sheet

VIII. Certain observations on the international application

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:

see separate sheet

V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2)

- 1 The invention concerns a system and method for synchronising video and audio signals transmitted over a link between a first and a second point. Video and audio test signals are added to the video and audio signals, each test signal having first and second periods of different state (e.g. different voltage). At the second point a circuit looks at the received video signal, including the video test signal, and produces gating signals corresponding to the active picture periods. Audio and video timing signals are produced, indicating when the received audio and video test signals change from the first to the second state. These timing signals are passed on to a measurement circuit provided they occur within the active picture periods as determined by the gating signals. By comparing the time relationship between the thus passed on audio and video timing signals at the second point with a predetermined relationship between the starts of the second periods of the audio and video test signals at the first point the measurement circuit is able to work out whether one of the audio and video test signals has been delayed relative to the other. The closest prior art is that disclosed in EP-A-0 386 928 - in this system so-called coincidental markers are added to the video and audio signals at a transmitter end: at the receiver end one looks at the time relationship between the received markers to detect any relative delay of the audio and video signals. There appears to be no disclosure in that EP document of two-state audio and video test signals at the transmitter, producing timing signals at the receiver and passing these timing signals to a measurement circuit under the control of gating signals. The other documents cited in the Search Report do not suggest modifying the system of the EP document in such a way as to fall within the terms of the independent claims of this application. The subject matter claimed can thus be considered to be new and to have inventive step.
- 2 The claimed invention has industrial applicability in the field of television.

VII Certain defects in the international application

- 1 The description should cite EP-A-0 386 928 and indicate the background art disclosed therein {Rule 5.1(a)(ii)}.
- 2 The passage in the description from line 10 on page 25 to line 10 on page 26 appears to serve no useful function in the application, is thus unnecessary and

should accordingly be deleted {Rule 9.1(iv)}.

III Certain observations on the international application

- 1 The passage "said second periods of said audio and video test signals having a predetermined time relationship" at lines 13 and 14 of claim 1 is not wholly clear - it could refer to the durations of the two periods, but should surely refer to the start of the second periods.

1.1 The same point arises in method claim 17 (see foot of page 31).

- 2 There are obscurities in the definition of the timing measurement means at the end of claim 1. Firstly, the "said predetermined time relationship" at the top of page 29 does actually refer to the "said second periods of said audio and video test signals" (see page 27 at lines 13 and 14) and not to the time relationship between each pair of said video and audio timing signals as set out in lines 1-3 on page 29.

Secondly, the passage "detecting whether said video timing signal or said audio timing signal of each associated pair has been delayed with respect to the other" (page 29 at lines 4-6) is obscure - the timing signals are created at the second point itself, as set out in subsections (iv) and (v) on page 28, and are passed directly to the timing measurement means, so there is no occasion for either to be delayed with respect to the other. Of course what happens in real life is that the applicants look at the predetermined time relationship between the start of the second periods of the audio and video test signals at the first point, and at the time relationship between the audio and video timing signals produced at the second point, and from that information they work out whether one of the audio and video test signals has been delayed relative to the other - but claim 1 does not at present make that clear.

2.1 The same points arise in method claim 17 in subsection (vii) on page 33.

- 3 The term "and" in claim 17 at the end of line 14 on page 32 should be deleted.

- 4 Claim 18 is not clear - the apparatus according to claim 16 is that at the second point, whereas the method of claim 17 is performed at both the first and second points, and so quite clearly that method cannot be carried out by the apparatus of claim 16.

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- 5 If this application is pursued with amended claims in the regional phase then the passage from line 9 on page 2 to line 12 on page 8 would need to be brought into line with the new claims as to what the invention actually is {Rule 5.1(a)(iii)}.

The diagram illustrates a digital logic circuit. At the top left, a 'VIDEO IN' signal (200) is connected to a 'TIMING GENERATOR' (210) via line 211. The 'TIMING GENERATOR' outputs a 'TIMING SIGNAL' (212) to line 213. This signal is also connected to a 'COMPARATOR' (220) via line 221. The 'COMPARATOR' has two inputs: one from line 213 and another from a 'VIDEO COMPARATOR SIGNAL' (224) via line 223. The output of the 'COMPARATOR' (222) is connected to a 'MAIN TIMER' (230) via line 226. The 'MAIN TIMER' is also connected to a 'SEQUENCE CLOCK' (240) via line 231. The 'MAIN TIMER' has multiple outputs: one to a 'TIMING DISPLAY' (250) via line 232, one to a 'SEQUENCE DISPLAY' (260) via line 233, one to a 'TIMING DISPLAY' (270) via line 234, and one to a 'SEQUENCE DISPLAY' (280) via line 235. The 'MAIN TIMER' also has a feedback loop from its output back to its input via line 236. The 'SEQUENCE CLOCK' (240) is connected to the 'MAIN TIMER' via line 241. The 'MAIN TIMER' is also connected to a 'SEQUENCE GENERATOR' (250) via line 251. The 'SEQUENCE GENERATOR' has two outputs: one to a 'TIMING DISPLAY' (260) via line 261 and another to a 'SEQUENCE DISPLAY' (270) via line 271. The 'SEQUENCE GENERATOR' is also connected to a 'TIMING DISPLAY' (280) via line 281 and a 'SEQUENCE DISPLAY' (290) via line 291. The 'SEQUENCE GENERATOR' is also connected to a 'TIMING DISPLAY' (300) via line 301 and a 'SEQUENCE DISPLAY' (310) via line 311.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC 7 H04N17/00

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

IPC 7 H04N

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
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